Integration Council it its meeting held on June 23rd, 1987, suggested a more active role for political parties in fighting the commi nal menace and for promoting n'a ional integration; and

(b) if so what are the suggestions made and how do Government intend t_0 help in their imp tementa^on?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS L^c HRI P. CHIDAM-BARAM) (a) ant (b) Ye_s, Sir. The Sanding Comm ttee of Natonal Integration Council *inter-alia* suggss. ted a more active 1)le for political parties in rest< ring communal peace and harmony i_n the country.. These suggestions h *ve* been discussed from time to I me and initiative in this regard is t_0 be $take_n$ by the political parties.

Beedi workers in M.P.

1782. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any fresh ii itiative for the welfare of beedi workers in the un organised sector em $^Jg^ed$ in th_e beedi industries of Madhy » Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details there of-

(c) whether Go_v< rnment have received complaints a) out the exploitation of these beedi workers by their employers; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER C F STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SASJGA) (a) and (b) The Beedi W $arker_s$ Welfare Fund has been con tituted for the welfare of beedi wo kers. Efforts are made on a continuing basis to enlarge the scope and coverage of the welfare schemes. For examp e, the housing subsidy under the Housing Scheme for economically Weaker Sections' of Society has been increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs 5000 per tenement with effect from 1-4-87.

(e) and (d) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 is meant to regulate the terms of employment and working conditions etc. of beedi workers. The Act, i; administered by the State Gov-enrments Complaints about exploitation of beedi workers sr_e generally sent to the State Governments for appropriate action.

Performance of hundred percent export oriented units

1783. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI. Will the Mxnister of COMMERCE be' pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-viewed/ tne performance of 100 percent export-oriented Units (EOUs.) if so, whethsr these units have failed to achieve the objectives;

(b) what further action Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the period from 1981 to 1985 the foreign exchange earnings from EOUs amounted to rupees 355 crores as against the target of Rs. 5000 crores and also that out of 569 units approved So far only 99 have commenced production;

(d) whether Government propose to grant further incentives concessions to the EOU3; and

(e) if so, what additional conces-• sions incentives have been granted to EOUs after its commencement in 1981 from time to time?

THE MINISTER . OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. "R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) The performance of 100 percent EOU_s i_s periodically reviewed and measures taken to improve the results.

Exports under the Scheme have been about Rs. 443 crores upto March,